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1. From 1 January 1949 to 31 December 1949, approximately 11,784 Cominformists and "deviationists" were arrested in Yugoslavia.
2. Unspecified numbers of those interned were eventually released and put to work on the highway project. Rankovic has stated that another quota, to be made up of those considered to be cured of Cominformism, soon will be released from camp. However, they will not be permitted to return to their homes but will be assigned to heavy duty. Approximately 1,100 have been sentenced by the Courts, while others are being politically re-educated in concentration camps.
3. Foreigners, consisting mainly of Bulgarians and Albanians but also including White Russians, Czechs and Hungarians and numbering in all about 457, are given severe treatment. Following political reorientation courses, they are forced to work in shops or yards bordering on the camps.

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